

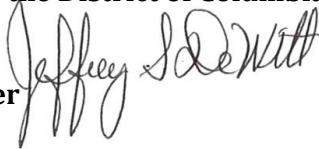
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Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeff DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: April 29, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Tenant Bill of Rights Act of 2014”

REFERENCE: Bill 20-58, Committee Print provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis
on April 25, 2014

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2014 supplemental budget and proposed FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

When a prospective tenant files an application to lease a rental unit in the District, current law¹ requires the landlord to provide several documents to the applicant. The bill adds a Tenant Bill of Rights to that list of required documents. The Tenant Bill of Rights is to be published by the Rent Administrator² in consultation with the Office of Tenant Advocate.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed FY 2014 supplemental budget and proposed FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Rent Administrator will be responsible for publishing the Tenant Bill of Rights for access by landlords, and landlords will be responsible for providing a copy of the document to tenants as part of the standard application document package.

¹ D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.22.

² D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.04. The Rent Administrator manages the Housing Regulation Administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development.